

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois.

I rise today with pride to honor one of our Nation's finest sons. Nathaniel DeTample, Nate to his friends and family, Baby Boy to his National Guard unit, died in Iraq on August 9, 2005. He was 19 years old.

Nate was an Eagle Scout, an Eagles fan, a standout wrestler at Pennsbury High School, and a friend to all who knew him. Today, we pay tribute.

Madam Speaker, the legislation before us today will name the post office building in Morrisville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the Nate DeTample Post Office Building.

I am proud that this will be the first Pennsylvania post office named after an Iraq war veteran. His name will appear for all to see at 950 West Trenton Avenue, a sign of the spirit we honor.

Madam Speaker, today we give thanks to Nate and to his family for their service to our Nation. Nate joined the Pennsylvania National Guard to serve. He planned to be a police officer like his dad, but he never got that chance. He was always first in line to wrestling practice and always had a positive attitude. Bucks County Police Chief Ken Coluzzi said Nate was a nice boy and a fine young man who was going to be outstanding. It seems that is who is over there, overseas. There are a lot of outstanding young men and women who just want to do the right thing for their country, outstanding young heroes who put their lives on the line every single day.

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Nate served in the Pennsylvania National Guard's Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 111 Infantry, a unit that proudly traces its roots back to the founding of our Nation and the Minutemen of the Revolutionary War, a rich history that Nate honored with his unforgettable spirit.

Madam Speaker, his friend said in tribute that Nate was one of the nicest guys ever. You never saw him down. You didn't have to meet Nate to know what kind of man, what kind of soldier he was.

When it came time for him to be laid to rest, scores of people lined the streets to say goodbye and to give thanks, a true testament to his spirit, his sacrifice, and the impact he had on the lives that he touched.

Madam Speaker, Nate's mom and dad, Kim and Glenn, asked at Nate's funeral that all of us pray for Nate's fellow soldiers and their families. Today, before this great body, with great pride, I repeat their request, and ask that we make it our mission to honor the fallen and stand up for those who are still fighting.

With his service, Nate DeTample showed us true energy, faith, and devotion. His memory will light our world.

In closing, I want to share how Nate signed one of his letters home from Iraq: "Rock Steady, Nate."

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues join me in honoring one of those rocks of our community, Nate DeTample. Rock steady.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

It is an honor for me to speak today about an American hero who showed great bravery and loyalty to his country well beyond his 19 years.

On August 9, 2005, a roadside bomb took the life of Nate DeTample, extinguishing his hopes and dreams, an ending to what, by all accounts, was an exemplary life.

During his high school years, Nate DeTample was remembered as an impressive young man and an extremely nice guy.

His personality was such that he always reached out to others with a handshake and asked how they were doing. He showed great leadership and ability as a wrestler for Pennsbury High School. One of his coaches remembered him as a hard worker and always being the first to practice.

It was Nate's dream to become a police officer, much like his father, Glenn, a detective for the Lower Makefield Police Department. With this dream in mind, Nate joined the National Guard after he graduated and headed off to college at Shippensburg University, where he majored in criminal justice. He was, however, called to serve his country before he could complete his first year of study. Some might have complained, but Nate believed in the mission and served to the best of his abilities.

Upon learning of Nate's death, the flag at the Lower Makefield Police Department was flown at half mast. This was a fitting tribute for someone who paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country and his community. It is also a fitting tribute that we give the post office on West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, his name so that we may not forget his courage, his bravery and the price he paid for us.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in support of this fitting tribute.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Madam Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I'm pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3297, which names the postal facility in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, after Nate DeTample.

H.R. 3297, which was introduced by Representative PATRICK MURPHY on August 1, 2007, was reported from the Oversight Committee on September 20, 2007, by voice vote. This measure has the support of the entire Pennsylvania congressional delegation.

Madam Speaker, Private First Class Nathaniel E. DeTample was killed on August 9, 2005, in an attack by small arms fire in Beiji, Iraq. The attack oc-

curred while he was investigating a rocket-propelled grenade incident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 111 Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania Army National Guard in Philadelphia.

Private DeTample was a wrestler, an Eagle Scout, and a criminal justice major at Shippensburg University. He was deployed to Iraq in March 2005 for the purpose of performing stability and support operations in the Beiji area north of Baghdad. He served his country with honor and distinction.

And so, Madam Speaker, I commend my colleague, Representative MURPHY, for introducing this legislation, and urge its swift passage.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3297, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3297.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WALLACE S. HARTSFIELD POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3572) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3572

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. WALLACE S. HARTSFIELD POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, shall be known and designated as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield such time as he might consume to the sponsor of this legislation, Representative EMANUEL CLEAVER of Missouri.

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I very proudly stand here today to recommend the Reverend Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, a minister in the Fifth Congressional District, which I very proudly serve, be given the honor of having a postal facility named in his honor at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri. All nine members of the Missouri delegation have signed on to this bill, and they signed on for one real reason. It is this:

Rev. Hartsfield is an American story. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 12 in 1929. He was raised by his mother. He was the only child and yet she worked and struggled and pushed him. He eventually graduated from high school and then served a 3-year tour of duty with the United States Army. He returned to this country and attended Clark College, which is now called Clark Atlanta University. He received a bachelor's degree, and then he went on to receive a Master's of Divinity at Gammon Theological Seminary, which is known as the Interdenominational Theological Seminary today. He's received a number of honorary doctorate degrees, and he is recognized in our community as a man who is always going to be where something good is happening.

He has been a strong worker in the field of diversity. He is a man who has been able to bring the clergy together from across racial and even religious lines. He's known as the dean of preachers in our community, and I dubbed him the "Godfather of Preachers" because of the respect he receives from members of the clergy. Anytime anything in our community is going on that is productive and meaningful, you can expect to see Rev. Wallace S. Hartsfield present.

This postal designation is the first I've ever introduced, and one of the reasons that I feel strongly about this is the post office delivers mail to everyone, and if you look at the life and work of the Reverend Wallace S. Hartsfield, that is exactly what he's done. He has delivered ministry, friendship and civic concern to everyone in our community, and so a post office, I think, is very, very appropriate to bear his name.

And so, Madam Speaker, it would be my hope that this body would allow our community to celebrate fully his retirement at a November 9 banquet, during which time I would like to proudly announce that the United States Congress has named a post office in his honor.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Wallace S. Hartsfield, a family man, community activist, and man of God.

Rev. Hartsfield was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 12, 1929. After a 3-year tour of duty with the United States Army, he went on to receive a bachelor of arts degree from Clark College, now Clark Atlanta University. Three years later, in 1957, he received a Master of Divinity degree.

The list of honorary degrees Rev. Hartsfield has earned is long and distinguished. They include a Doctor of Divinity from both Western Baptist Bible College in Kansas City, Missouri, and Virginia Seminary and College of Lynchburg, Virginia.

While his list of academic accomplishments is impressive, the work he has done since the end of his formal education is even more so. His first pastorate was in Pickens, South Carolina, and he served in the States of Kansas, Florida, and Georgia before settling into a position at the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church located in Kansas City, Missouri, a place he has preached for over 40 years.

Rev. Hartsfield will retire on January 1, 2008, as senior pastor. During his long service to the church, he became affectionately known as the dean of Kansas City Ministers; and the cosponsor of this bill, Mr. CLEAVER, has nicknamed him the Godfather of Preachers because of the knowledge he possesses and his impressive oratory skills. He has become a mentor not only for those in the local ministry, but for community leaders as well.

His steadfast dedication to Kansas City and the surrounding area have helped solidify the community and shape it into what it is today. However, his leadership and influence have extended well beyond the boundaries of his duty as a minister. He has fought to promote, protect, and ensure civil liberties for all races, not only at home but across the Nation. And he served as president of the greater Kansas City chapter of Operation PUSH, an organization dedicated to the promotion of religious and social development and human rights.

He is a former chairman of the Congress of National Black Churches that represents over 65,000 churches. He has also served in many positions within the National Baptist Convention of America.

The reverend was appointed by the Governor to serve as commissioner on the Missouri Highway Commission and was at the forefront of efforts to construct the Metropolitan Homes, a 60-unit low-income housing development.

Despite all of his work and the demands for his time and attention, they did not detract from his love for his family. The reverend just celebrated his 50th anniversary with his wife, Matilda Hopkins. They are the proud parents of four children.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me, Mr. CLEAVER, and all of the members of the Missouri delega-

tion in congratulating Rev. Hartsfield on his retirement, wish him well in his new endeavors, and join us in supporting the naming of the post office facility on Blue Parkway in Kansas City in his honor.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in the consideration of H.R. 3572, which names a postal facility in Kansas City, Missouri, after Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr.

H.R. 3572, which was introduced by Representative EMANUEL CLEAVER on September 18, 2007, was reported from the Oversight Committee on October 4, 2007, by voice vote. This measure has the support of the entire Missouri congressional delegation.

Madam Speaker, Rev. Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr.'s dedication and service to the people of Kansas City goes back many years. He is a committed community activist, civil servant, and has served as the senior pastor of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church since 1972. He is the vice president-at-large of the Economic Development Commission of the National Baptist Convention of America, Incorporated. He is a former chairman of the Congress of National Black Churches and past president of the General Baptist State Convention of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. He has served as an adjunct professor and guest lecturer at numerous colleges and universities.

Rev. Hartsfield is a well-respected man of faith, and on January 1, 2008, he will retire as senior pastor of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church.

So, Madam Speaker, I commend my colleague, the Reverend Representative EMANUEL CLEAVER, for introducing this legislation. I enthusiastically support this legislation and urge its passage.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 3572.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPPS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3572.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair